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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/629,547 :  
FILED: JULY 30, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1731  
FOR: NEW FILLER OR PIGMENT OR :  
PROCESSED MINERAL FOR  
PAPER, IN PARTICULAR A  
PIGMENT CONTAINING  
NATURAL  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , ITS  
MANUFACTURING PROCESS,  
PREPARATIONS CONTAINING IT  
AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 14 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.